Code of Ethics for doctors

2318. SHRIC. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or Medical Council of India have at any time in recent years considered in depth the malady and malpractices involving doctors accepting rebates/discount/commission from private clinical laboratories/X-ray /Ultrasound and Scan Centres and laid down any Code of Ethics/regulations in this regard for doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to ensure that the aforesaid code is enforced effectively and defaulters brought to book;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective measures taken to eliminate the kickback culture existing between doctors and laboratories/Scan Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) As per the Code of Medical Ethics of Medical Council of India it has been prescribed that a physician shall not give, solicit, or receive nor shall he offer to give, solicit or receive, any gift, gratuity, commission or bonus in consideration of or return for the referring, recommending or procuring of any patient for medical, surgical or other treatment. These provisions shall apply with equal force to the referring, recommending or procuring by a physician of any person, specimen or material for diagnostic, or other study or work. The Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils are empowered to award such punishment as deemed necessary or even removal of the name of any registered practitioner from the Register altogether or for a specified period in respect of any act of violation of the Code of Ethics which may be brought before it, after conducting an enquiry.

Action Taken by CVC and CBI on Dropsy deaths

2319. SHRI AB ANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4320 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th May, 2000 regarding Dropsy deaths and state:

(a) the details of action taken by CVC and CBI, so far; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi have received a report on the enquiry conducted by CBI in case No. PESIG 1999 A001 registered on 27-1-99 against certain officials of the Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration Department (PFA) Delhi wherein the CBI have recommended as follow:—

(i) The transfer of the then Director (PFA).

(ii) For taking steps towards improvement of the system for streamlining the working of PFA Department and PFA Laboratories.

(iii) Appoint a Committee to fix up the responsibility for lapses on the part of the then Director (PFA) and other officials.

The CBI report is under examination of Government of NCT of Delhi.

The allegations received by the CVC against the then Director, PFA have also been referred by CVC to Government of NCT of Delhi in May 2000 for necessary action. No proposal has so far been received by CVC from the Government of NCT of Delhi for seeking commission's advice in the matter.

Failure of PFA Department, Delhi to check Dropsy

2320. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4303 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th May, 2000 and state:

(a) whether CBI has indicated the negligent and inept role of PFA Department, Delhi Government for dropsy epidemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action proposed by Government to put up the report of CBI before CVC for further action; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi have informed that they have received a report on the enquiry conducted by CBI in case No. PESIG 1 999 A001 registered on 27.1.99 against certain officials of the Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration Department (PFA). The CBI has recommended the following in their report:—

(i) The transfer of the then Director (PFA).